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THE FRG; MAJOR EXPORT ORDER FROM SWEDEN

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1. ACCORDING TO GERMAN NEWSPAPERS, THE SWEDISH STATE
POWER BOARD PLACED AN ORDER IN MID-NOVEMBER WITH
KRAFTWERK UNION (KWU) COVERING THE DEVELOPMENT AND
MANUFACTURE OF THE FIRST FIVE RELOADS DURING 1976-
1980 FOR THE 860 MW RINGHALS NUCLEAR POWER STATION
WHICH IS ABOUT TO BE COMMISSIONED. WESTINGHOUSE, WHO
BUILT THE REACTOR, WILL SUPPLY THE FIRST CORE.

2. THIS IS THE FIRST NUCLEAR EXPORT ORDER FROM
SWEDEN TO THE FRG AND THE FIRST MAJOR ORDER FOR
THE NEW GERMAN FIRM, REAKTOR-BRENNELEMENTE UNION
GMBH (RBU), WHICH IS OWNED 50 PERCENT BY KWU, 20
PERCENT BY GENERAL ELECTRIC AND 30 PERCENT BY NUKEM.

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3. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1974 KWU MERGED ITS 55 PERCENT

SUBSIDIARY KERNREAKTORTEILE GMBH, GROSSWELZHEIM (KRT) AND ITS 60 PERCENT SUBSIDIARY REAKTOR-BRENNELEMENTE GMBH, WOLFGANG (RBG) INTO THE RBU WITH HEADQUARTERS AT HANAU. GENERAL ELECTRIC HAD OWNED 45 PERCENT OF KRT AND NUKEM HAD OWNED 40 PERCENT OF RBG. RBU WILL RETAIN KRT AS A 100 PERCENT SUBSIDIARY. PRIOR TO THE MERGER FUEL ELEMENTS HAD BEEN FABRICATED BY KRT AT GROSSWELZHEIM FOR BOILING WATER REACTORS, AND BY RBG AT WOLFGANG FOR PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS. AS OF OCTOBER 1974, BOTH RBU AND ITS 100 PERCENT SUBSIDIARY KRT WILL MANUFACTURE FUEL ELEMENTS FOR BOTH PRESSURIZED AND BOILING LIGHT-WATER REACTORS. HILLENBRAND

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